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**In the claims:**

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17. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of segmenting the cushion layer material comprises segmenting the cushion layer material into two segments.

18. The method according to claim 1, wherein the step of segmenting the cushion layer material comprises segmenting the cushion layer material into at least three segments.

19. The floor mat according to claim 5, wherein the cushion layer material is segmented into two segments.

20. The method according to claim 5, wherein the cushion layer material is segmented into at least three segments.